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FEATURE STORY

RUSSIAN STRIFE!

owing movement among congregations pastors of the Patriarchal Russian Orth- Church in America to renounce their iance to the parent body and affiliate the Russian Orthodox Church of North rica was disclosed . The latter Church tonomous and does not recognize the rity of the Moscow Patriarchate.

okesman for Metropolitan Leonty of York, head of the autonomous Church, that five Patriarchal Church congrega- and their pastors had affiliated with utonomous Church within the last year. lded that two other congregations were e process' of taking the same step.

Patriarchal Church claims a total of filiated congregations, but gives no sta- s of membership. The autonomous body Russian Orthodox Church of North ica is listed in the Yearbook of Ameri- hurches as having 350 congregations, n membership of 750,000.

pokesman for Metropolitan Leonty said ve churches that had joined the Church, enounced the Moscow group, were those John Baptist(Spring Valley,N.Y.); St. las(Wilkes Barre,Pa.); St. Vladimir z,Pa.); St.Michael(Phila.Pa.); S.Basil son,Pa.).

ost recent was the St.Basil Church, where the change of affiliation has now involved the congregation and its pastor, Rev. Gregory Pelesh, in a legal dispute with adherents of the Patriarchal Church.

The case in question is in the County Court of Scranton, where Judge Hoban has granted a temporary injunction to the plaintiffs, representatives of the Moscow Church, who wish to prevent Fr. Pelesh and followers from worshipping in the Church.

In testimony, Fr. Pelesh revealed he had renounced his allegiance to the Moscow Church on Oct. 7th, and that the congregation had also voted at that time to do similarly.

The V.Rev. Wasil Kreshik of N.Y. testified he had been assigned to take Fr. Pelesh's place as the new pastor of the Patriarchal group but had been prevented from doing so by the congregation and Fr. Pelesh and the local constabulary.

Judge Hoban, after hearing the testimony, stated the case would be'decided with dispatch'.

As the people of Orthodox Churches usually own their own properties, the Judge probably will decide in favor of the defendant group. No alien group can ever take over properties of others without due process of law and the law clearly states that the people are the Church. This was clearly apparent in a suit in New York City involving one Archbishop James and an independent Orthodox Church back in 1954. - ED.

EASTERN ORTHODOX CHURCH EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM OF COOPERATION MAPPE at Valley Cottage, N.Y. Conference in late October. The meeting, first of its kind, was attend by 30 representatives of the Greek Orthodox Church, the Romanian Orthodox Church, the Syri Orthodox Church, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, and the Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Church

The participants took steps to strengthen Sunday School programs by setting up advisory coop ative committees on curriculum, publications and information. They also decided to make the Conference on Christian Education of the Eastern Orthodox Churches in the USA an annual eve and agreed on a common Christian education manual to be prepared in 1957.

Until now, the Christian education activities of the US Orthodox Churches have been largely i dependent of one another.

The delegates agreed on a series of statements setting forth principles of Orthodox theology , which, they said, must underlie their programs of Christian education. The statements deal w doctrine, liturgy, religious growth of the child, Christian ethics and the Holy Scriptures. The principles will be used as the basic foundation in compiling a workable education manual.

The program of discussion dealt largely with problems of education of youth under 15 years of age. Next years Conference will be devoted in part to the problems of handling the education youth from 15 to 21 years of age.

The National Council of Churches and especially Dr. Gerald E. Knoff, its Christian education secretary, were largely responsible for the organizational direction of the Conference and mu of the basic advice and counsel related thereto.

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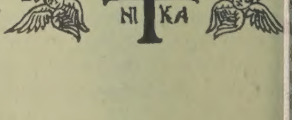

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AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE CHURCH

Foreign

ULTRA-ORTHODOX FIGHT ORTHODOX in a religious fanatic struggle going on in Jerusalem. The ultra-Orthodox Jewish sect of Neturei Karta have a few thousand bearded, black-robed followers, who primarily are struggling for an all-out observance of the Sabbath. They carry the affair to such a degree that they even hurl stones, in old, traditional fashion, at Sabbath ffic. This naturally arouses some indignation from the owners of conveyances. At any rate, y are working earnestly to make complete Sabbath observance a government policy.

Everything, apparently, is a question of degree. - ED.

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ERICAN MENNONITES VISIT RUSSIA, where, it is believed, they have about 20,000 adents. Dr. H.S.Bender(Dean of Goshen,Indiana Biblical Seminary) and Rev. D.B. Wiens, an ngelist for the Mennonite Brethren churches of western Canada, are the two chosen dele-es of the Mennonite Central Committee, which are making the trip.

Mennonites migrated to Russia from Prussia, late in the 18th century at the invitation of Empress Catherine. When exemption from military service was discontinued in 1870, the migration began to America. Extensive migrations followed the last two World Wars, in which thousands of Mennonites came to the Western Hemisphere. In Russia, the remaining membership is mainly in the Ural Mountains or just to the east thereof. The World Census is about 500,000 baptized members. One of their principle beliefs is that civil authorities are to be obeyed in all things, which are not contrary to Scripture; killing is forbidden in Scripture, hence their unwillingness to enter military service. ED.

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SSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH AGREES TO MEET WITH WORLD COUNCIL for dision of its relations with that international body. The get-together is expected to occur Paris in January, 1957. It is expected, according to Rev. Kenneth Slack(general secretary he British Council of Churches), that it may possibly presage a direct affiliation of many he Eastern Orthodox 'Iron Curtain' jurisdictions with the World Council. The Chinese lican Church, along with other Christian bodies in China, may also attend this meeting.

Even as the U.N. serves the purpose of gradually working out human ills among nations, so may the union of all Christian bodies in the World Council do the same for churches. ED.

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EATEST CHRISTIAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL COLLECTION IN HISTORY IN CAIRO is g studied, under the sponsorship of the Egyptian government. The collection of some 48 yrus manuscripts in book form are reputed to date back to 200 AD. One of the manuscripts ntitled 'The Gospel of Thomas on the Sayings of Jesus'.

priceless documents were originally discovered near Luxor, ten years ago. Accidentally covered by workmen in the Greco-Roman cemetery village of Nag Hamadi, the papyrus e in a large jar, which the workmen broke open. Finding only the tough paper-like matter, used some of it as kindling to light their fires. Fortunately, an Egyptian business man d of them and purchased them; reselling them as antiques, they came into the open marwhere their value became apparent. One of the documents reached Europe, where it is wn today as the Jung Codex. The documents are expected to reveal hitherto unknown say-of Jesus.

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DISPUTE OVER NEW ARMENIAN CATHOLICOS THREATENS UNITY OF CHURCH. A bitter religio-political dispute arising from the election of Zareh Payaslian, former archbishop of Aleppo, Syria, as the new Catholicos of Gilicia is stirring further discontent in the Armenian Apostolic communities outside Soviet Armenia.

The governments of Syria and Lebanon have officially recognized Catholicos Zareh, but the Catholicos of Etchmiadzin, Vazken I, declared his election null and void. Vazken I is regarded as being subservient to the Kremlin. Zareh was elected last February, but wasn't enthroned until last September. The actual enthronement has focused the controversy into more active hostility between the two leaders and their factions.

- Church sources feel that in reality it is an effort on the part of Etchmiadzin to extend its influence over all Armenian communities in the Middle East by reducing the Catholicate of Cilicia to the status of a diocese under its control. ED,

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RHODESIAN AFRICANS PETITION ISRAEL FOR ENTRY AS PERMANENT EMIGRES More than 1300 Rhodesian Africans, members of a sect called the Apostolic Sabbath Church of God, told Israel officials in Port Elizabeth, S.Africa that 'all of us would like to settle in Israel. We consider ourselves a Jewish sect and we observe the Sabbath and practice the laws of the Torah'.

Members of the sect began coming to South Africa(where the government is now ordering them to leave) from Southern Rhodesia eight years ago. They founded a basket-weaving and furniture industry on a communal basis in the non-white slum area where they live. They observe strict rules of cleanliness, may not marry outside their community, and are not permitted to drink-smoke-or swear.

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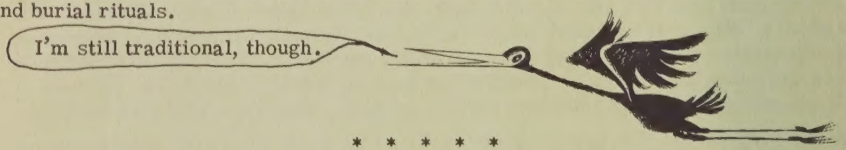
COMMUNISTS INAUGURATE 'NAME-GIVING' RITUAL TO REPLACE BAPTISM. In an effort to replace religious rites in the minds of the people of the satellite countries, a 'name-giving' ceremony has been started, in which the parents are 'solemnly' handed a birth certificate.

This is the second Christian ritual which has been replaced by a Communist counterpart. The other was the 'youth dedication' ceremony, which is to replace Confirmation or the First Communion service. Other ceremonies are being designed to replace marriage and burial rituals.



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MUSEUM PLANNED FOR MT. ATHOS TREASURES. The construction of a museum at Karyes, to house priceless religious objects and historic Christian treasures now scattered among some 20 Orthodox monasteries on Mt. Athos.

Karyes is the capital and metropolis of the peninsula of which the 'holy mountain' forms the tip. The Greek Ministry of Cults said registration of the various objects to be placed in the museum has begun. It also said ancient manuscripts to be included in the collection are being microfilmed. Both the Foreign Affairs Ministry and administrative officials of the Mt. Athos monasteries are cooperating in the work.

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K-QUEEN ELIZABETH OF GREECE DIES AT AGE OF 72. Daughter of King Ferdi-nd and Queen Maria of Romania, Elizabeth was the divorced wife of the late King George of Greece. Her passing took place in Cannes, France - she had lived on the Riviera for e last eight years.

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ATRIARCH ANBA YOUSSAB II OF COPTIC CHURCH OF EGYPT DIES AT 78. The atriarch, head of some 6,000,000 Copts in Egypt, Ethiopia and other countries, had been e object of much controversy and dispute. He had been under fire for a long time from lay aders and a number of priests and bishops who demanded a reform of the Church adminis-ration. The dispute reached a climax in July, 1954, when several hundred youthful Copts vaded the Patriarchate, kidnapped the elderly patriarch and forced him to abdicate.

e government had relieved him of his duties in September, 1955 after bishops from the nod asked that he be ousted from his post. However, he had been reinstated about five nths ago, reportedly due to strong pressure by Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia and s delegation of Ethiopian Coptic bishops had made itself felt.

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tCHBISHOP DOROTHEOS OF ATHENS URGES CAMPAIGN AGAINST PROTESTANT oselytizing activities in Greece.

claring to the Holy Synod of 12 bishops and 'all Orthodox clergy' that measures must be ken 'to repulse the danger coming from these propagandists, who, in illegal and improper y, take advantage of the poverty and ignorance of some naive or religiously indifferent eeks to deceive and detach them from their Orthodox allegiance by slandering our ancient urch', the archbishop continued: 'our Church does not carry out proselytizing at the ex-nse of other Christian Churches' and expects that they, on their part, should refrain from aning away members of the Orthodox Faith.

e archbishop added - 'this claim has been repeatedly brought before the foreign Churches d the World Council of Churches, but our Church is sorry to say that nothing has been ne so far and so we are obliged to reconsider out attitude toward those who do not want to ow due understanding'. He concluded that the 'numerous Protestant denominations here, well as the Churches and sects abroad that help and finance this wicked work, would do tter to send their agents to convert non-Christians'.

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AD SEA SCROLL DESCRIBES BEAUTY OF SARAH. A lyrical description of the uty of Sarah, wife of Abraham and mother of Isaac, is given in an excerpt of a Dead Sea roll made public in Jerusalem by the Hebrew University and the Institute of the Shrine of Book.

dly preserved and very brittle, the 2,000 year-old Aramaic written scroll is the last of ren found in the Qumran caves in the Judean desert in 1947 and acquired by the university. e excerpt enlarges on the story of Abraham's journey to Egypt with Sarah, as related in nesis, Chap. 12 = 'And how beautiful the look of her face. And how fine is the hair of her d, how fair indeed are her eyes and how pleasing her nose and all the radiance of her e'.

e lyric continues at length and tells of how the Pharaoh Zoan took her to him as wife, and Abraham prayed the Lord to show His 'mighty hand' and descend upon the Egyptian king l 'all his household and may he not this night defile my wife'. The scroll then tells of the evous plagues and pestilence that came upon the Egyptians and how, after two years, the g sent for Abraham and restored to him his wife, asking him to pray that the plagues ght cease. The account ends, telling how Abraham was permitted to leave Egypt 'exceed-ly rich in cattle and also in silver and gold'.

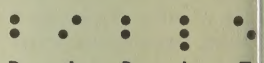
15,000,000 BIBLE BOOKMARKS TO BE DISTRIBUTED to herald the worldwide Bible reading observance, sponsored by the American Bible Society for the 13th year. The observance features a series of selected Bible readings for each day from Thanksgiving till Christmas. Highlighted by Universal Bible Sunday, Dec. 9th, some 40 countries are participating.

Domestic

With this observance before us, it is interesting to observe some of the facets of how the printed Bible, once so eagerly cherished because of its scarcity and now so plentiful that, altho still the world's best seller in books, it is passed by with hardly a second look by the average shopper. The printed Bible, as everyone knows, was first produced by th process of printing with movable type as developed by the famous German Gutenberg. Born a Johann Gansefleisch, this inventive goldsmith is known by his mother's name of Gutenberg. A a goldsmith, he was familiar with casting, die-making, alloying and improvisation. Just about 500 years ago, as best we know today, the first Bible was completed in printing. Some ten lo years of experimentation were back of this, however. What with the revival of learning, th growth of new ideas and the commercial development of the world, the scene was ripe for th printed page.

Three hundred years later, stereotyped plates were introduced to alter this original method, and in the 1800's came the linotype and monotype machines, reducing the time for setting type. Thru these vast changes in 500 years, it was possible for the American Bible Society to produce 14,918,353 Bibles, Testaments and Portions during 1955. Imagine, 500 years befor only about 40 Bibles could be hand-printed in a year; and only one manuscript copy could be produced by quill and ink. For the ancients to produce these 14,918,353 Scriptures and Portio would take 908,000 scribes, working 300 days a year = a total of 272,400,000 man-hours.

Today, the Bible is available in one hundred or more languages, including Braille. Prior to the inventive genius of Gutenberg and those who followed; prior to the development of the Reformation and Renaissance, the reading of the Bible by the masses was impossible. Today, the blind, the deaf, the halt, the sick and infirm and healthy can all read the Scripture for themselves. Truly a remarkable event.



This is the word Bible in Braille.

Speaking of Bibles and printing, Mezhdunarodnaya Kniga (Soviet State Book Monopoly) has shipped fifty copies of the new Russian Orthodox Bible to the U.S.A. for re-sale purposes. Selling at about $10 a copy, the Moscow Patriarchy Edition is now printed in the Russian ver nacular, rather than Church Slavonic. A concordance, calendar of church Holy Days and the lessons appropriate thereto, along with maps of the Holy Land and charts are appended to the volume. 1,271 pages, bound in cloth with the Orthodox Cross in gold on the cover, were print ed on the Moscow Patriarchates own presses. (An article in the Journal of the Moscow Patriarchate refers to the history of the Russian Bible and tells of the development of the Russian Bible from the days of the Saints Cyril and Methodius down to the present.)

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SKOURAS ANNOUNCES SEARCH FOR DIVINITY STUDENT TO ENACT CHRIST in a new film to be produced by 20th Century Fox Films. Spyros P. Skouras, president of the Film Co., announced the film will be based on Fulton Oursler's 'The Greatest Story Ever Told'. Protestant, Jewish, Catholic and Greek Orthodox script writers will participate in preparing the script for enactment.

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$20,000,000 CREATION OF A 'CHRISTIANLAND' REPRODUCTION in the southwest of the U.S.A., including reproductions of Nazareth, Jerusalem, Gethsemane and other Biblical sites, was announced by the American Foundation for the Preservation of the Christian Heritage. Dr. R.H. Pfeiffer of Harvard University, a trustee of the Foundation, said it would be 'strictly non-commercial with no concessions of any kind' and that he hoped it would give renewed 'inspiration and faith to more than 5,000,000 visitors a year'.

A 2,000 acre tract in Riverside Country, Calif. heads a list of six possible sites for the project. The Riverside site is preferred because of the 'extraordinary similarity' of its weather soil composition and general appearance to that of the Holy Land. (Only the strife will be mis ing. - ED)

ROPOSED ELECTION OF BISHOP FOR ARMED FORCES DEFEATED in the recent eeting of the House of Bishops(Protestant Episcopal) in Pocono Manor, Penna. It had long en a disputed topic within the Church that a military bishop would considerably enhance e Church's ministry to service personnel; especially inasmuch as some 100,000 Episcopal- ns are serving in the Armed Forces and therefore this is one of the largest dioceses in e entire Church, with problems peculiar unto itself.

pponents of the measure argued that the resident bishop of an area, in which troops are ncentrated, has the obligation of caring for their needs - and can do so, also, far better an a prelate assigned to Armed Forces affairs.

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GYPTIAN PHARAOH'S CURSE VOUCHED FOR BY SURVIVOR. Thirty-one fellow ex- orers entered the tomb of Pharaoh Tutankhamen, in 1922. Today, 29 are dead, all from the me mysterious symptoms - a paralysis of the nervous system.

he two survivors, Dr. J.C. Hollenbeck and J.O. Kinnaman, both recovered from the same mptoms. Medical anaylsis failed to reveal any cause for the paralysis. Dr. Hollenbeck can ill vividly remember the Egyptian inscription over the door, thru which the party of explor- s entered the tomb. It read:

> 'Cursed be those who disturb the rest of a Pharaoh. They that break the seal of this tomb, shall meet death by an unnamable disease, which no mendicant can diagnose'.

ience, in general, scoffs at ideas which admit the power of curses or other supernatural fluences to cause death. Dr. Hollenbeck's answer to this, is: 'That which you believe and cept to be true, has power over you'.

- In line with this recent story, it is of interest to report on a few other items of similar vein. In August, 1956, police arrested two City College sophomores in the act of 'calling forth a demon'. Found at midnite in the pavilion of the Bronx Zoo, the two youth stated: 'trying to conjure up a demon, ...planning to trap it'. The equipment consisted

sulphur, candles, chalk(for marking symbols on the pavement) . Across the world, in lly old England, the vicar of St. John's Church in Torquay (Rev. Anthony Rouse) reports a urch organ which plays by itself, mostly at nite. Others, members of the choir, have also ported being conscious of an unseen organist, even whilst they were singing a cappella. still another circumstance, of twelve months past, south of the border(North America), a sephina Arista was burned to death in broad day-light as a witch. This happened on July 3, 55, in Ojinaga, Mexico(a small town, 85 miles from Alpine, Texas). It happened with the nsent of the alcalde(mayor) and cooperation of the town police. - ED.

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IB.I. CHIEF WARNS OF POSSIBLE COMMUNIST INFILTRATION INTO CHURCHES. Edgar Hoover said: 'What better cloak of legitimacy can be found for their(Communist) ograms than to present them as the offerings of clergymen and churches? The strategy of e Communists to get others to front for them and do their dirty work cannot be underestim- ed.' Speaking before a gathering of 2,500 members of the National Council of Catholic Wom- in Chicago, Ill., the FBI Chief declared that Communism and crime were the 'twin enemies' American freedom. Both advanced, he added, 'because men ignore God'.

Discussing juvenile crime, Mr. Hoover said the problem would not be solved until the home 'restored to its proper place where the lessons of the Golden Rule are translated into daily ing'. He called upon American women to 'make the home once again a center of learning w to live, as well as a center of living.....neglect at home and lack of discipline in the home e two of the main reasons for juvenile delinquency....but, the basic cause of the present sit- tion is that so many of our young people have no real sense of moral responsibility which mes from an intimate knowledge of God's teachings. What is needed above all is to practice e living faith of our fathers in our daily lives and a dedication to making the Kingdom of God reality on earth'.

ALCOHOL AND CRIME GO 'HAND-IN-HAND' ACCORDING TO W.C.T.U.; Arrests for drunkeness and drunken driving amount to nearly half of all arrests made by police in the USA., an official of the National Women's Christian Temperance Union stated just prior to the convening of the Union's 82nd annual convention in Atlanta, Georgia.

The W.C.T.U. official, Mrs. Fred J. Tooze, said arrests for drunkenness have about doubled since 1934, and that drunken driving arrests have more than quadrupled. She said the 'greatest factor in today's alcohol problem is alcoholic beverage advertising on radio and television, which comes into the American living rooms to pressure adults and youngsters alike to drink'.

In Buck Hill Falls, Penna. a four-day School of Alcohol Studies presented facts that indicate that =

1. 60% of the nation's four million alcoholics come from disturbed or insecure homes.
2. Male alcoholics outnumber women six-to-one.
3. There were 5,000,000 arrests for drunkenness in 1955.
4. 70% of all highway accidents are 'liquor related'.
5. 56% of the teenagers, surveyed in some 90 communities, said they got their first drink in their own homes.

- FBI Chief Hoover appears to concur with the findings of these medical-religious-scientific opinions rendered above. It has been stated by one observer that by 1975 AD there will be over 7,000,000 chronic alcoholics in the USA. - ED.

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$1,000,000 FUND DRIVE APPROVED BY GREEK WELFARE FOUNDATION for the establishment of the first Greek Orthodox home for the aged in the USA. Bishop Ezekiel told the directors of the Foundation, in Chicago-Ill., that Greek churches and communities in the nation 'will look to our work as an example'.

No site for the home has been selected, but the Foundation's building committee is considering several properties in Chicago and surrounding suburbs. Peter D. Gianukos of Evanst Ill., treasurer of the Foundation, reported at the meeting that $50,000 had already been pled ged toward the home by board members.

The directors invited Archbishop Michael of N.Y. to preside at the service held last Nov. 1 in which 500 members of the Foundation's auxiliary was blessed as the inauguration of the door-to-door solicitation of funds thruout the Greek communities.

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PAINTING GIVEN TO GREEK ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH IN TARPON SPRINGS, FLA. A huge copy of the famous Raphael's Sistine Madonna was donated to the Church by a woma painter. Iris, a Polish-Russian artist of Clearwater-Fla., was the donor. The painting is an oil, and is mounted in an elaborate, encrusted frame, which is over six feet tall. Fr. Raptis priest of St. Nicholas dedicated it, where it now hangs in the church.

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POST OFFICE ISSUES POSTCARDS FEATURING 'IN GOD WE TRUST' MOTTO. Nov. 16th saw the initial distribution, for sale, in the N.Y.City Postal system of two new internat ional postcards. One postcard is a four-cent card that will be able to be used to any part o the world, as 1st class mail. The other is an eight-cent international postage-paid reply car which U.S. citizens can send to correspondents anywhere abroad. The reply part can then b used in return by the recipient to answer, without paying postage at the foreign depository.

The design for the cards will be similar to the Statue of Liberty emblem that now appears o the three and eight-cent stamps, but the motto will stand out more clearly.

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WORLD CHURCH COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT STUDIES STARTED FOR SEMINARIA representing more than 30 Protestant denominations, under the auspices of the Inter-semin Movement, a unit of the National Council of Churches. The conferences are designed to pr mote support of the ecumenical movement by seminarians - students from 95 different se inaries and schools of religion are attending.

addition to purely theological subjects, themes dealing with 'Psychotherapy and Religion' - ational political and International Issues and a Theological Perspective' will be studied.

ie Conferences are being held from November thru March at some six Seminaries of the rious denominations participating.

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ZANTINE AND UKRAINIAN RITE SERVICES OF CONSECRATION held in the East- n Rite jurisdiction of the Roman Catholic Church in the USA.

Pittsburgh, The Most Rev. Stephen J. Kocisko was consecrated Auxiliary Bishop of the ttsburgh Byzantine Rite Catholic Diocese in St. Pauls Roman Catholic Cathedral. Bishop cholas T. Elko, Apostolic Exarch of the Diocese, was the consecrator. He was assisted Bishops Ambrose Senyshyn and Maxim Hermaniuk. (Bishop Kocisko, a native of Mpls., inn., studied at the Pontifical Ruthenian College of St. Joseph in Rome and was ordained a iest in Rome on March 30, 1941.)

Philadelphia, eleven Latin and Eastern Rite Bishops attended the consecration of the st native-born American to ever be made a bishop of the Ukrainian Byzantine Rite in this untry. The new prelate is 44-year old Bishop Joseph M. Schmondiuk. He was consecrated Archbishop Constantine Bohachevsky, Apostolic Exarch of the Phila. Byzantine Rite Dio- se, assisted by Bishops Ambrose Senyshyn and Nicholas T. Elko.

The Eastern Rite Churches were mainly, at one time, Orthodox Churches, which, thru political or national reasons, aligned themselves with the jurisdiction of Rome. - ED.

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RRATA = NOVEMBER ISSUE OF AREO CORRECTS UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX News m, as it appeared in the October issue on page 12.

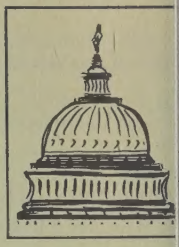
was incorrectly stated that Archbishop Mstyslaw S. Skrypnyk was the jurisdictional head the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the U.S.A. - In a letter received from Rev.Father O. lick of S.S.Peter and Paul Church in Chicago, the Editor was informed: (in Father Kulicks rds) 'To be specific, the Church is not under the jurisdiction of Archbishop Mstyslaw, but tropolitan John, and the Archbishop was merely elected as chairman of the Sobor, along th a priest and layman. Bp. Volodimir's name isn't that difficult to spell(Wolvolymyc), is ally going too far.'

ther Kulick continued: 'Who ever supplied you with what you consider an interesting side- ht, must have been a bit too hopeful, because no dissident parishes if there are any even ised their voices. The proposed amendments that were supplied to the parishes a month rlier were unanimously accepted.....The Sobor actually passed a resolu- n that there can not be anymore jumping back and forth from one jurisdiction to another, d the dissenting vote was two, scarcely anything to mention.....I do hope that you will ite .....'

a previous letter, Father Kulick had announced that Archbishop Mstyslaw had informed Ukrainian Metropolitanate that the first volume of the English translation of the three lume 'History of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church' is already being printed in the diocese nting press at South Bound Brook, N.J. and that it will be ready for sale at the above-men- ned Sobor, which was held in Chicago October 11th to 14th. The book was written by Prof. n Vlassovsky, formerly professor of Dogmatics and Canon Law at St. Andrews College, Ukrainian Orthodox Seminary in Winnipeg, Canada. Prof. Vlassovsky is a graduate of the ademy in Kiev and was formerly editor of the Volyn Diocese Journal: 'The Church and People.'

AREO, its Editor and Staff have no wish to cause wrong statements or feelings to ger- minate or grow thru incorrect facts. It is for this reason that Fr. Kulicks letter is in- cluded in this issue. Any other parties who wish to add or elaborate on the points raised by AREO or Fr. Kulick are at liberty to write and express such facts as they know. ED.

CHURCH AND STATE



IN GOD WE TRUST became the Official Motto of the U.S.A. some months ago. How this motto came to be the one chosen for use on our currency and coins has an interesting sidelight in American History.

The battle of Fort Sumter and that of Bull Run had been fought and lost by the Union. Rev. M Watkinson of Ridleyville, Penna. brooded over these facts and what he considered as the God state of the nation. On one particular day in November of 1861, he sat himself down and wrot the Secretary of the Treasury as follows:

'One fact touching our currency has hitherto been seriously overlooked. I mean the reco nition of the Almighty God in some form in our coins. What if our Republic were now sh tered beyond reconstruction? Would not the antiquaries of succeeding centuries rightly reason from our past that we were a heathen nation?' He concluded by proposing that a motto be adopted on the theme of God, liberty, law.

The Secretary of the Treasury, Salmon P. Chase, who was later to become Chief Justice of t Supreme Court of the U.S., read this letter and shortly wrote to the Director of the Mint in Phila. Penna. with these words:

'No nation can be strong except in the strength of God, or safe except in His defense. Th trust of our people in God should be declared on our national coins. You will cause a de to be prepared without unnecessary delay with a motto expressing in the fewest and ters words possible this national recognition.'

The Director of the Mint acted quickly and before the year was out a pattern with the motto : 'God, our Trust' was submitted. Shortly thereafter, 'Our Country, our God' was suggested. In 1864 the final motto was chosen and appeared on a U.S. two-cent piece. Such is the history of the present U.S. motto of 'In God we trust'.

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GREEK EVANGELICAL CHURCH ALLOWED TO COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION on the n church, after having been stopped twice by the Greek Ministry of Cults. The original permit build was granted in 1955 and after the Ministry of Cults intervened and stopped work an appe to the Greek Supreme Court was made, which gave a ruling that the basic work could be com pleted. This ruling was overriden by the Ministry of Cults for a second time, but shortly ther after they withdrew the order without explanation.

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IZVESTIA ACCUSES U.S.A. OF 'ILL-WILL' TOWARDS RELIGION by refusing to allow representatives of the Russian Orthodox Church visas to travel to the U.S.

An article in Izvestia, reported over the Moscow Radio, stated that American authorities had continued to deny a visa for Archbishop Boris and also denied visas to Bishop Mikhall of Smolensk and Professor Parysky of Leningrad Theological Seminary, the latter two having been called as witnesses in the Court Case of St. Nicholas Cathedral in N.Y.C.

The Moscow newspaper asserted that the attitude of the U.S. Government 'continues to hinder the Moscow Patriarchate from maintaining normal relations with its American exarchate'.

● The N.Y. Court Case is between the Patriarchal Russian Orthodox Church in America and the autonomous Russian Orthodox Church of North America. ED.

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FRENCH ASSEMBLY VOTES TO DISCUSS PROPOSAL TO END STATE AID TO the Church schools. The vote was 280-270. Five previous efforts to place this proposal in open debate had failed. Under the law, state schools receive aid in the amounts of 39 millions of dollars yearly and church schools about 9 millions.

ISRAEL RABBINATE ORDERS PRAYER RITUAL of the 'Ovinu Malkenu' litany to be chanted after every synagogue service, as Israeli troops penetrate into Egypt.

The 'Ovinu Malkenu' litany is the oldest and most moving of the Hebrew litanies. It is generally recited during the ten days of repentance between Rosh Hashana(New Year)and Yom Kippur(Day of Atonement). The litany comprises elements of confession of shortcomings, petitions for forgiveness, and supplication for deliverance from oppression and evil. It contains 44 invocations, each beginning with 'Ovinu Malkenu', which means 'Our Father, Our King'.

- With all sides praying, each in their own way for victory, it makes the bystander wonder as to righteousness and honesty of intention when prayer mixes with politics. ED.

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BRITISH ACTION CAUSING GAP IN RELATIONS WITH ORTHODOX CHURCHES and the Western Powers. Apparently selfish interests of the British government have taken hold of official policy and causing alienation of traditional friendship of Greek Orthodox peoples towards Western Powers.

Christian C. Palamas, Greek Ambassador to the U.N., charged Britain with suppressing religious freedom in Cyprus. Archbishop Dorotheos of Athens accused the British of employing 'terrorist methods'. Among other things, he said the British were imprisoning people without trial - subjecting youth to torture and flogging - hanging patriots as if they were common criminals. He concluded: 'This will become another indestructable pillar in building Greek-Yugoslav friendship and solidarity'.

To counter these feelings, the British have decided to send the Duke of Edinburgh to see Archbishop Makarios, while the Duke is on his projected Far East tour. The Duke, husband of Queen Elizabeth II, is a Greek, his father having been Prince Andrew of Greece. The Duke's mother became a Greek Orthodox nun in 1948 and founded the Orthodox Sisterhood of Mary Martha at Neon Herakleion, outside Athens, which she now heads as Mother Superior Alice-Elizabeth. She was formerly Princess Victoria Alice Elizabeth Julie Marie of Battenberg.

- Constant suppression and intimidation of peoples of the world is certainly neither Christian nor democratic. Especially, when so-called solidarity of the Western Powers is considered vital to human freedom. The time has come for all Nations to make the United Nations work as an organization and perform its function in proper fashion. Killing - hanging - murder - persecution = all for the purpose of retaining economic and political power is pagan. If a man or woman considers himself or herself to be a Christian, a choice must be made and openly declared as a part of their life's work. ED.

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GREEK GOVENRMENT ACTS TO LEVY TAX TO PAY CLERGY SALARIES. A legislative bill, formalizing the payment of salaries of the Orthodox clergy in Greece, is on its way thru parliament. Under the plan, a 'parishioners' tax' will be levied and collected by the government. Archbishop Dorotheos hailed the move as 'of great significance to the whole of Greek society'.

- Formerly, Orthodox church members have directly supported their priests. This move has dangerous aspects of exacting a 'forced' contribution to clergy. ED.

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ARCHBISHOP DOROTHEOS REQUESTS FREE POSTAL SERVICE FOR CHURCH official publications. Ekklesia, Ephimerios and Theologia are the three periodicals to which the Archbishop gave reference. He wishes the government to pay the postal cost for their distribution.

METROPOLITAN ARSENIJE RELEASED FROM PRISON by Serbian authorities. He will not be allowed to participate in the leadership of the Church, however, but will be confined to Ozren Monastery near Tuzla in Eastern Bosnia.

73 years old, the churchman had been sentenced in July, 1954, by the Cetinje district court to serve $11\frac{1}{2}$ years at hard labor on charges of plotting against the State. Two months later, the Montenegrin Supreme Court at Titograd reduced the sentence to $5\frac{1}{2}$ years. Some Serbian Orthodox leaders feel that he was prosecuted chiefly because of his outspoken opposition to the government-sponsored association of priests.

The Metropolitan suffers from asthma, but, since the Ozren Monastery is located in the Bosnian highlands, it is expected the climatic conditions will be more favorable for his health.

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ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT TO RESTORE MONASTERIES, according to Bucharest Radio. The broadcast did not state whether the monasteries would be used for religious purposes; the station indicated the authorities are mainly interested in preserving their architectural value.

The announcement said that eleven of the monasteries will be classed as historical monuments. These were listed as: Neamte, Putna, Sucevita, Dragmirna, Secu, Agapia, Bistrita, Curtea de Arges, Cozia, Tismana and Horezu. The broadcast also called for restoration this year of the 'ancient houses of worship' at the Caldaruseni monastery near Bucharest; Slatina and Vatra Modlovitei in the Suceava region; Crasna and Gura Motrul in the Craiova region, and Prislop in the Hateg area.

According to the station, there are 191 monasteries and convents in Romania inhabited by 6,500 monks and nuns.

- Perhaps the government needs these places as storehouses for human relics, wrecked by prison - or 'in-the-way'; such as shown above in the case of Arsenije. The Czars and Boyars(nobility) often used convents for the express purpose of putting wives and other female relations where they would no longer bother them. ED.

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MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ORDER SEIZURE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS. The town of Coquitlam, British Columbia, Canada, ordered the seizure after the Roman Catholic School Board refused to pay an accumulated four year tax of $10,000 on two schools it owns. For some years, Roman Catholic leaders have been trying to obtain Provincial grants for their parochial schools. In the meantime, the taxes had accumulated. Maurice Lizee, Catholic Board chairman, was quoted as saying: 'no intention of paying the taxes'. The municipal authorities said: 'the municipal council has no alternative under the laws of the province but to take title to the properties'.

Meanwhile, in Cairo, (Egypt) the Roman Catholic schools have agreed to comply with the new law requiring them to teach Islamic religion to their Moslem students.

Rather warm weather we are having, yes?

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IN THE COURTS

U.S. SUPREME COURT REFUSES TO hear appeal from a Missouri court on a decision which allowed custody of two children to remain with the father on that basis that the mother's 'religious practices', as distinct from her 'religious beliefs', made her a less desirable
rdian. The divorced mother is a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses. The divorce had been
nted on suit by the father, some years after their marriage, when she became a convert to
sect. The father said he objected to her street preaching and to her teaching the children to
salute the flag.

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LISH STILL IN THE NEWS IN BROOKLYN CHURCH FIGHT as Supreme Court Ref-
e John MacCrate of State of New York upheld the right of Rev. William Howard Melish to
tinue as supply pastor of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. In his decision, the referee denied
ermanent injunction against Rev. Melish, which had been asked for by anti-Melish forces in
vestry(governing body of the Church).

keeping with this strife, the parishioners of the same Church voted 165 to 2 to oust the two
trymen (Reynolds and Rutledge), who had spearheaded the anti-Melish forces. Formal
rges against the two contended that they had 'secretly organized' an attempt to bypass the
rch's governing board in selecting a permanent rector(a Rev. Herman S. Sidener).

Rev. Melish has been accused by his opponents of pro-Communist leanings. ED.

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K COURT RULES ETHICAL CULTURE SOCIETY IS NOT A RELIGIOUS ORGANIZA-
. District of Coumbia Tax Court ruled that the Washington Ethical Society must pay two
rs back taxes. Judge Morgan's decision said the ethical culture movement is not a 'religion'
its members do not engage in 'religious worship' in their building. He declared: 'The
vement is opposed to the belief in, and worship of, a personal God or Supreme Being in
om men believe and with Whom they may communicate in praise and worship....reverence
morality, ethics and right living is not religious worship. There is no prayer, as that term
enerally understood, in the services or in the marriage, funeral or naming ceremonies'.
continued - 'It makes better men and women, but in the opinion of this Court it is not a
gion. The exemption was given to religious groups to promote religion and the belief in
worship of God, and was due to the early religious background of our Republic'.

This is the first time in 80 years of history that the ethical culture movement has ever been questioned as to its religious claims. The society undoubtedly will appeal the decision under the 1st Amendment of the Constitution of the U.S.A. - ED.

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RARY OF LEGAL DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO ZONING LAW CASES involving
ses of Worship has been established in New York City by the N.Y. Federation of Reform
agogues. Officials said it will contain decisions, opinions and comments relative to recent
ceedings which have challenged the right of zoning boards to interfere with the freedom of
eligious congregation to establish its house of worship. The documents will be available
ny religious group in the U.S., which becomes involved in such controversy.

Some similar library should be established on all phases dealing with legal controversy which involve religion or religious practice. ED.

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GERMAN COURT FINES PRIEST FOR SOLICITING MONEY. The Karlsruhe district court ruled that Rev. Joseph Kirchberg of Kassel had violated a 1934 law forbidding public collections by private individuals. The Priest was fined 500 Marks and a fund of some 10,000 Marks was confiscated by the state of Hesse. Roman Catholic leaders protested the decision and termed it 'out of harmony with the democratic concept of freedom of faith and conscience'.

- One need only look to activities of the government in Spain and Colombia,S.A. to see how the practice of 'freedom of faith' is observed. - ED.

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OREGON COURT UPHOLDS RIGHT OF HOUSE-TO-HOUSE SOLICITATION BY religious groups. Judge A.T.Sulmonetti of Multnomah County Circuit Court ruled that local ordinances cannot be legally invoked against the distribution of religious literature. He said no violation must be made against the guarantees of religious freedom contained in the Federal and State constitutions.

In the ruling, the following points were made: 'The giving, selling and distributing of religious literature, when done as part of the method of spreading the distributor's religious beliefs, is an exercise of religion within the meaning of the federal constitutions First Amendment.'.....He added that if solicitation by religious groups is considered by some people to be an intrusion and invasion of their privacy 'that is part of the price that must be paid for the free exercise of religious liberty'.

- Again the meaning of the word 'democracy' carries varying definitions, as shown by this expression of judicial wisdom. Neither Germany, Spain nor Colombia would agree with the American concept - at least according to facts received. - ED.

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IOWA SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS PROTESTANT MONTHER. Mrs. Gladys Lynch, divorced in 1953, was sued by her former husband for daring to take her child to Congregational Church services;- this was done on the basis of the divorce decree that the mother was awarded custody of the child, provided that the child 'shall be reared in the Roman Catholic Church'.

In dismissing a contempt citation issued by a district court, the Supreme Court held that the lower court erred in 'enforcing' a provision which violated the mother's constitutional rights to free exercise of religion. They also held that the divorce stipulation was 'too vague to be enforceable'.

- Proper and dispassionate Justice. - ED.

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COURT ORDERS CHURCH TO RETURN PROPERTY GIFT to the donor. The Circuit Court of Appeals in Frankfort, Ky. ordered Bethel Baptist Church of Alpine, Ky. to return to Henry E. Hall of Pulaski County, the property he had earlier deeded to the congregation.

Mr. Hall had sued for recovery property after the congregation had voted to join another jurisdiction(the United Baptist). The Court took the stand that Mr. Hall was right in asking for recovery, in that he did give the property with the specific intent of it being used to aid the work of the Missionary Baptist body and did not wish it used for the United Baptist.

- In a case in Illinois, the City of Aurora had also received a gift of property for 'public purposes'. In this case, the city sold the property and when the case was taken to court for justice, the Illinois Supreme Court ordered the trial court to determine how the proceeds of the sale should be used to forward the original intent of the donor. (This is an important point for all Church Trustees and Clergy to note: namely, the intent for which funds, property or gifts have been given, must always be respected).- ED.

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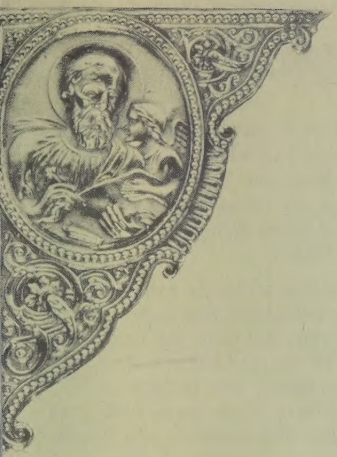

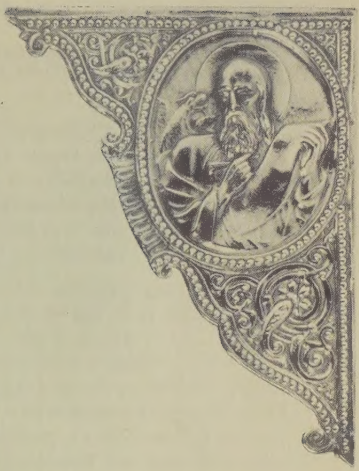

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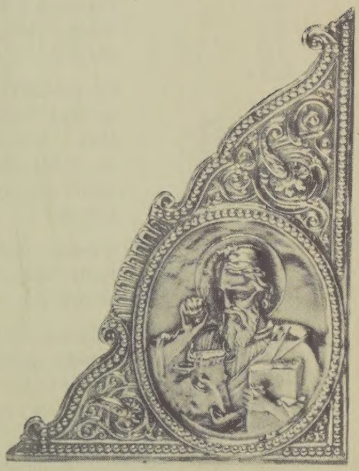

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Reading of the Bible is not only a responsibility and obligation for every person who accepts it as the Word of God, but it is also a vital factor in determining the spiritual outlook of the life of the individual. In line with this, the University of North Carolina's educational TV Station WUNC-TV is presenting a Fall,1956 credit course in the origins and interpretation of the Bible. The University's Department of Religion will offer undergraduate credit in 36 lectures delivered by Dr. Bernard Boyd, professor of Biblical literature. The lectures are telecast each Tuesday and Thursday from 7:45 to 8:00 P.M.

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Cooperating with NBC in the project in N.Y.City are the Protestant Council of the City of New York and Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion, where the course will be given. Organized primarily for theological students, the ten sessions are open, upon application, to clergymen of all denominations.

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Classes will deal with programming, documentaries, panels, interviews, sermons, drama, and all other aspects of religious programs on RADIO and TV.

Meanwhile, in Fribourg, Switzerland a catalogue listing some 2,000 recordings of religious music was issued by the International Catholic Ass'n. for RADIO and TV. It is believed to be the first such publication. The chief purpose of the publication is to make easier the selection of records for religious RADIO and TV programs.

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